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Senators Pavley and Rubio Introduce Legislation to Improve Public Health and Strengthen California's Economy with Thousands of Clean Transportation Jobs

Senator Fran Pavley (D-Agoura Hills) and Senator Michael Rubio (D-Shafter) jointly introduced SB 11, a major piece of public health and clean energy legislation today with the support of a broad coalition of stakeholders.

The bill would prevent from expiring various vehicle fees for things like car and boat registration and smog abatement for another ten years. These fees fund incentives for air pollution control and clean transportation investment, including rebates for the purchase of clean cars, trucks and agricultural equipment, matching grants for alternative fuel and advanced vehicle manufacturing, workforce development, and new vehicle fueling infrastructure for hydrogen and electricity.

"Transportation is largest source of air pollution in California, a major source of asthma, other respiratory illnesses and climate degradation. Our state is also a global hub for vehicle and fuel innovation. We now have a chance to create jobs and attack air pollution at the same time," said Senator Pavley. "Last session, there was broad bipartisan consensus on the importance of this bill, but we ran out of time in the Senate. We look forward to getting this bill across the finish line this session."

Supporters of last session's version of this bill, SB 1455 (Kehoe), included public health, environmental and agricultural organizations, automakers, alternative fuel and advanced vehicle companies, oil producers, utilities, retailers, manufacturers and the California Air Resources Board, the Energy Commission, and the state's various air quality management districts.

The AB 118 program awards approximately \$180 million annually through competitive grants, rebates and other incentives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and displace petroleum consumption, while encouraging long-term economic development and employment opportunities. The largest AB 118 program to be reauthorized by the bill, the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program, is on track to create approximately 5,400 jobs, including 1,054 manufacturing jobs.

The Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program provides grants to help enhance air quality by replacing or retrofitting heavy duty vehicles. Eligible projects include cleaner trucks and vans, off-road vehicles, marine vessels, locomotives, lawn & garden equipment, old, inefficient cars and agricultural equipment.